

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims 1 - 5 as follows:

1. (Amended) A protein containing the amino acid sequence represented by [Sequence No. 1] SEQ ID NO:1.
2. (Amended) The protein described in Claim 1 containing the amino acid sequence represented by [Sequence No. 2] SEQ ID NO:2.
3. (Amended) A cDNA containing the base sequence represented by [Sequence No. 3] SEQ ID NO:3.
4. (Amended) A cDNA described in Claim 3 containing the base sequence represented by [Sequence No. 4] SEQ ID NO:4.
5. (Amended) The cDNA described in Claim 3 or Claim 4 which comprises the base sequence represented by [Sequence No. 5] SEQ ID NO:5.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-5 were pending in the application. Claims 1 - 5 have been amended. In addition, the specification has been amended to comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.821. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-5 will remain pending in the application upon entry of the instant amendments.

The specification has been amended to insert the substitute Sequence Listing, and Applicants respectfully request that the pages of the claims and Abstract be renumbered, if necessary. Applicants submit that initial computer-readable form (diskette) of the substitute Sequence Listing is identical in substance to the paper copy of the substitute Sequence Listing, pages 1-10. Applicants further submit that the initial computer readable form of the Sequence Listing contained on the enclosed diskette and the paper